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Reorganization of Producers-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

* 563 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to reorganize the Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar in view of the present policy of decontrol, derationing and non-purchase of foodgrains and if so, how?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have received any representations from the P.C.C. Societies Federation of Malabar with regard to the strengthening of the institutions and what action have Government taken in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am not aware of the representations made. If the hon. Member wants an answer he should give me notice for that."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, these P.C.C. Societies in Malabar have huge reserve funds, in certain cases even more than thrice the share money. Will the Government bring in some measure to utilize these huge reserves for some useful purpose? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a separate question may be put to the Hon. Minister in charge of Co-operation."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" The backbone of the Co-operative movement in Malabar is these Producers-*cum*-Co-operative Societies. We have been celebrating the Jubilee also recently. Would the Government in tune with the spirit take up the question of re-organization of these Producers-*cum*-Co-operative Societies instead of allowing them progressively to die away, especially in view of derationing of food they are in a pretty mess? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Even though there has been derationing throughout the State, Malabar continues to be supplied through the fair price shops and these Producers-*cum*-Co-operative Societies are functioning and they still have good business in the distribution of rice."

Statistics about lands under cultivation in Martalli village in Kollegal taluk.

* 564 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHAYYA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of lands under cultivation by ryots of Martalli village in Kollegal taluk; and

(*b*) out of which what is the extent

(1) covered by the issue of regular pattas to them and

(2) treated as Sivoijama lands considered unobjectionable?